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with existing consortiums, but I don't know. Can you elucidate a little bit on that?

SENATOR BROMM: Did you say hallucinate or...? (Laughter)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Hallucinate? Well,...

SENATOR BROMM: Hallucinate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if you would find that more entertaining at this hour, I would be open to that.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Beutler, and I... I will get better information for you, but from what contact I've had with this whole process I'm under the impression that, depending on the location of the school, if they can get their facilities in-house financed and funded then they...in many cases there's an opportunity to hook into an existing switch or consortium. An ESU perhaps might be the particular location for them to hook into, but they don't have the...they don't have the equipment and so forth in their own school to be able to take advantage of Now, I...I am not a hundred percent positive, but I believe there are at least a couple of areas where there will need to be a new consortium, and one of those I believe originates around the Columbus area. I don't think there is an existing switch, an opportunity for them, without creating a new...a new consortium in that ESU. And then the one out west, southwest Nebraska, I'm honestly uncertain clear in I...I'll have to do some checking about...about that one. whether they can go into North Platte or Sidney. I... I will get you answers better than I've given, but that's my impression from what I've learned so far.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The material is somewhat confusing in that the map...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...shows a consortium around Columbus with a video switch at Columbus. So I would appreciate clarification on that.